

Getting Started with the Online Driver Education Program (DEP) Application

Keep in mind that no rules or forms have changed. The main difference is that you complete the forms online so that DEP does the calculations; produces the reports that must be printed, signed, and mailed to DOE; and creates summary reports.

Three reports must be completed and submitted using a submit button in the application:

School-level information:

Driver Education Teachers/Instructors

Driver Education Status Questionnaire

Division-level information:

Request to Charge a Fee for Behind-the-Wheel during the Regular School Year

Two reports are generated by the application that must be printed, signed, and mailed to DOE:

School level Application for Program Approval (Teachers/Instructors information)

Division level Driver Education Program Approval Certification (Including fee information)

The DEP application is accessed via DOE's SSWS system.

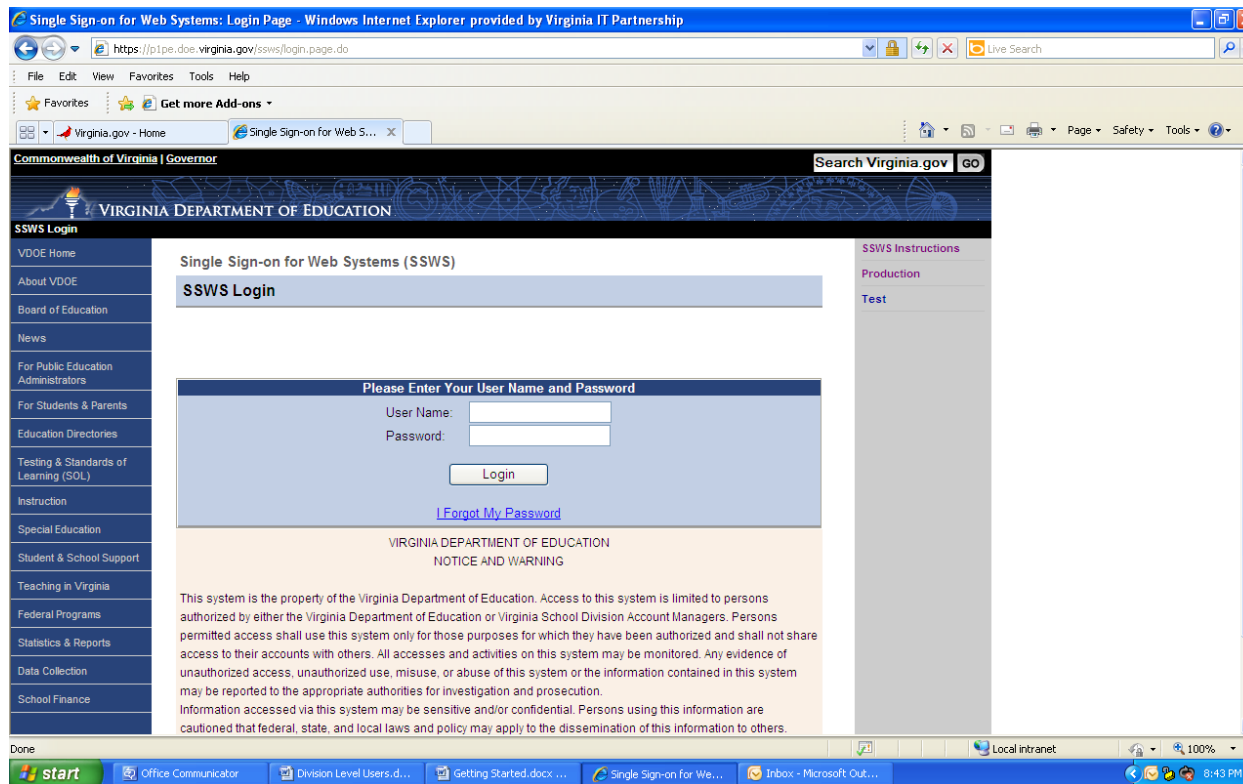
The school division SSWS account manager must grant access to DEP (either school level or division level access, as appropriate) to each individual who will enter information. Individuals granted division level access are responsible for submitting the final report to DOE, but can also enter school level information. If necessary, contact Janet Ragland at DOE to obtain the name of the school division SSWS account manager.

Instructions have been broken down into four files:

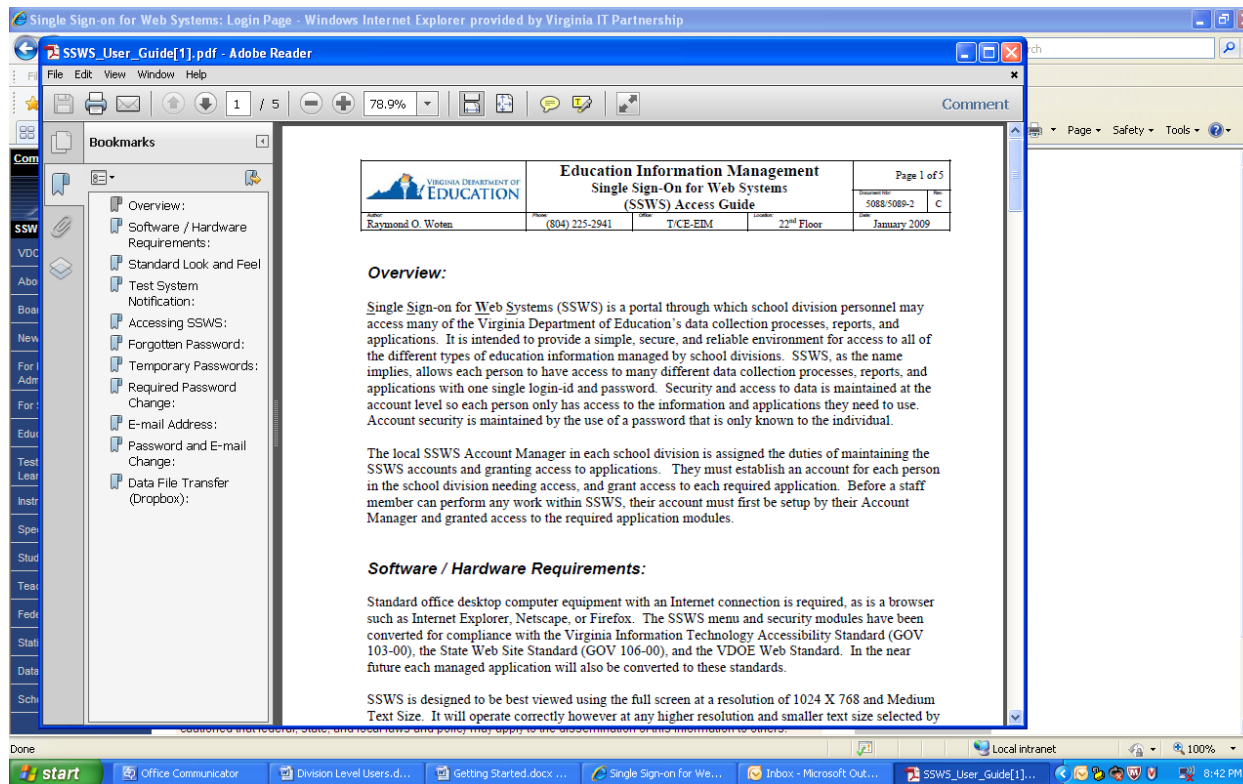
- Getting Started (which also includes information on logging into SSWS and finding the DEP application on the following pages.)
- Division Level Users
- Teachers and Instructors Information
- Status Questionnaire

Go to the DOE homepage, and find “SSWS Login” in the blue area at the right. Click on it.

The screenshot shows the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) homepage in Internet Explorer. The browser window title is "VDOE :: Virginia Department of Education Home - Windows Internet Explorer provided by Virginia IT Partnership". The address bar shows "http://www.doe.virginia.gov/". The page has a blue header with the Virginia.gov logo and navigation links: "Online Services | Commonwealth Sites | Help | Governor". A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header, the page is divided into several sections. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with links such as "VDOE Home", "About VDOE", "Board of Education", "News", "For Public Education Administrators", "For Students & Parents", "Education Directories", "Standards of Learning (SOL) & Testing", "Instruction", "Special Education", "Student & School Support", "Teaching in Virginia", "Federal Programs", "Statistics & Reports", and "Information Management". The main content area is titled "VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ONLINE". It features two primary sections: "Back-to-School Safety" and "Calling all High School Students". The "Back-to-School Safety" section includes a paragraph about school bus safety and a link to "School Bus Safety & Life (PDF)". The "Calling all High School Students" section includes a paragraph about a 10-week online course and a link to "Longwood University". To the right of the main content area is a sidebar with a "Quick Links" section containing links like "Superintendent's & Principals' Memos", "Public Meetings", "VA School Report Card", "Graduation Requirements", "Economics & Personal Finance", "College & Career Readiness", "Licensure", "School Improvement & Reform", "Technology in Education", "2012 Education Legislation", "SSWS Login", "Webinars", and "Job Opportunities". Below the "Quick Links" is an "Also See" section with a link to "Virginia Secretary of Education". The bottom of the page shows the Windows taskbar with the Start button and several open applications, including "Office Communicator", "Division Level Users, d...", "Getting Started.docx ...", "VDOE :: Virginia Depa...", and "Inbox - Microsoft Out...". The system clock shows "8:34 PM".



If you need additional information about how to use SSWS, click on “SSWS Instructions” at the top right.



The first time you log into SSWS you will be asked to answer a number of security questions. Just answer the minimum required.

Then click on Driver Education Program (DEP)

